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SUBJECT: CONTENTS OF EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS FOUND IN MONTONERO  
INTELLIGENCE HEADQUARTERS

1. CONTACT OF RSO HAVING ACCESS TO THE RESULTS OF MILITARY  
OPERATIONS, FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING:

A) DURING WEEK OF SEPT. 6, 1976, GOA ARMY AND POLICE ELEMENTS  
RAIDED AN INTELLIGENCE AND LOGISTIC HQ, MONTONEROS NORTHERN  
COLUMN. FOUND IN THIS HQ WERE THE FOLLOWING:

A) ADVANCED TECHNOLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS AND MACHINERY USED  
IN FORGING ALL KINDS OF DOCUMENTS AND CREDENTIALS, BOTH MILITARY  
AND CIVIL.

B) IDENTITY CARDS SIMILAR TO THOSE EXTENDED BY POLICE  
FORCES (FEDERAL AND BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL), FEDERAL  
CAPITAL AND PROVINCIAL DRIVERS LICENSES, VARIOUS  
CREDENTIALS FOR IMPORTANT OFFICIAL POSITIONS, ETC.

C) DOCUMENTS AND CREDENTIALS COVERING VEHICLE OWNERSHIP,  
PERMITS TO ENTER THE BUENOS AIRES DOWNTOWN AREA, ETC.

D) INTELLIGENCE SERVICES CREDENTIALS (SIDE, SIE, SIN, SIG,  
ETC.)

E) SEALS AND COPIES OF SIGNATURES OF HIGH-LEVEL  
MILITARY AND CIVIL OFFICIALS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN  
ABOVE-MENTIONED DOCUMENTS AND CREDENTIALS.

F) MARRIAGE LICENSES, BIRTH CERTIFICATES, PASSPORTS, ETC.,  
IN BLANK AND READY TO BE FILLED OUT.

G) FILES AND AN INDEX WITH THOUSANDS OF CARDS CONTAINING  
NAMES OF MONTONEROS, THEIR SYMPATHIZERS AND COLLABORATORS  
(ESPECIALLY THE PERSONS WHO LEND THEIR IDENTITIES), ETC.

H) INDEX CARDS, ESPECIALLY CODED, CONTAINING PHOTOGRAPHS  
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AND TITLES OF SOME OF THEIR LEADERS.

B) POLICE AND MILITARY INTELLIGENCE OFFICIALS CONSIDER THE RESULTS OF THE RAID TO BE SIGNIFICANT AND BELIEVE THE RAIDED LOCATION WAS THE INTELLIGENCE AND LOGISTICS SUPPORT HQ FOR THE MONTONERO MOVEMENT. THEY CONSIDER THE RAID TO BE AN EXTENSIVE SETBACK FOR THE MONTONERO MOVEMENT AND ARE CURRENTLY ANALYZING ALL MATERIALS FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING INFORMATION FOR FUTURE RAIDS.

2. SOURCE ALSO ADVISED THAT BETWEEN JANUARY AND THE END OF AUGUST, FOURTEEN BUSINESS EXECUTIVES, ARGENTINE NATIONALS, WERE KIDNAPPED. IN ADDITION, HE ADVISED THAT FROM HAB. THRU AUG. SECURITY FORCES KILLED 415 EXTREMISTS AND THAT AN ADDITIONAL 751 POLITICAL ASSASSINATIONS TOOK PLACE. THIS MEANS 1166 PERSONS LOST THEIR LIVES IN SOME RESPECT CONNECTED WITH THE TERRORIST PROBLEM IN ARGENTINA. WITHIN THE 751 POLITICAL ASSASSINATIONS, 14 EXECUTIVES OF MAJOR COMPANIES WERE ASSASSINATED. MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL FROM BENDIX, SWIFT, CHRYSLER AND FIAT WERE AMONG THOSE KILLED.  
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